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SUBJ: TANZANIAN PRESS REACTION TO REPORTS THAT US MAY BACK
SOUTH AFRICA MILITARILY

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1. PAGE TWO ARTICLE ENTITLED "NATO PLANS 'DEFENCE' OF
SUTHERN AFRICA" APPEARED IN JUNE 6 GOVERNMENT-OWNED
DAILY NEWS. ARTICLE IS DATELINED "NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY"
AND IS BASED ON REPORT PREPARED FOR UN DECOLONISATION
COMMITTEE BY THREE "EXPERTS" INCLUDING UN CONSULTANT SEAN
GERVASSI.

2. ARTICLE QUOTES "EXPERTS" AS SAYING "NATO STUDY IS
PROMPTED BY CONCERN THAT WHITE REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
ARE INCREASINGLY THREATENED BY ARMED GUERILLA ACTIVITY,
AND BELIEF THAT INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES WOULD BE MORE
FRIENDLY TO SOVIET UNION." ARTICLE CONCLUDES:

"IN AUTHORIZING STRATEGIC STUDY, NATO WAS CAREFUL TO
PROHIBIT OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH NON-NATO COUNTRIES, WHICH
INCLUDE SOUTH AFRICA. BUT UN EXPERTS BELIEVE
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY. THEIR

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SUSPICIONS WERE GIVEN ADDED SUBSTANCE BY VISIT TO US

LAST MONTH OF SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCES
CHIEF, ADMIRAL HUGO BIERMAN. BIERMAN VISITED PENTAGON
AND MET AT LEAST TWO HIGH-RANKING DEFENCE OFFICIALS."
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